In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/FR2004/003123, filed on 03 December 2004.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, before line 6, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, before line 35, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, revise the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 as follows:

~~The invention aims~~ One object of the invention is to provide a method and a device for sending requests to a domain name server that alleviate the drawbacks of the prior art and reduce the number of erroneous requests that domain name servers have to process.

On page 2, revise the paragraph beginning on line 3 as follows:

~~To this end, a first aspect of the invention consists in~~ This and other objects are attained in accordance with one aspect of the invention directed to a method of sending at least one request to a domain name server from a requesting machine, said domain name server being an E.164.arpa telephone number domain name server and each name being determined from an E.164 format destination telephone number contained in said request~~, which method is characterized in that a~~ . A prior test of the validity of the destination telephone number of the

request is executed automatically and locally to the requesting machine relative to a telephone number database local to the requesting machine in order to forward the request from the requesting machine to the domain name server only if its destination telephone number passes said test.

On page 4, revise the paragraph beginning on line 12 as follows:

~~A second aspect of the invention consists in~~ <u>Another aspect of the invention is directed to</u> a device for sending at least one request to a domain name server from a requesting machine, said domain name server being an E.164.arpa telephone number domain name server and each name being determined from an E.164 format destination telephone number contained in said request~~, which device is characterized in that it~~ <u>. The device</u> is local to the requesting machine and includes means for receiving requests from the requesting machine, a telephone number database, means in the receiver means for automatically testing the validity of the destination telephone number of the request against data from the telephone number database, and means for forwarding the request from the requesting machine to the domain name server only if the control means determine that its destination telephone number has passed said <u>validity</u> test.

On page 5, before line 1, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 5, before line 17, insert the following heading: